TRANSFER PATHWAY GUIDE
2023-2024

Associate in Applied Science in Nursing
to Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN to BSN)

Overview

Completion of the following curriculum will satisfy the requirements for the Associate in Applied Science (AAS) in Nursing degree at a Kentucky Community and Technical College (KCTCS) institution and leads to the RN to Bachelor of Science (BS) Degree in Nursing at Northern Kentucky University (NKU).

Applying to the KCTCS2NKU Program

Students can apply to participate in the pathway program by completing the online application on the NKU transfer webpage. Students must be enrolled in at least six credit hours at their KCTCS institution, enrolled in an associate degree program, plan to transfer to NKU, and maintain a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA at their KCTCS institution.

Degree Requirements for KCTCS

1) Minimum cumulative GPA 2.0, 2) minimum of 25 percent of credit hours required for the degree earned at the institution awarding the degree, and 3) demonstration of digital literacy.

Acceptance into the Associate Degree Nursing program is based on a selective admissions process. In order to be considered for admission, applicants must comply with college and program admission requirements prior to March 1 for admission to a fall NSG 101 course (July 1 for admission to a spring NSG 101 course).

Progression in the Associate Degree Nursing program is contingent upon achievement of a grade of "C" or better in each biological science, nursing and mathematics course and maintenance of a 2.0 cumulative grade point average or better (on a 4.0 scale).

CPR requirements must be successfully completed prior to enrolling in the first nursing course and must be kept current throughout the program. Documentation of successful completion of a minimum 75-hour nursing assistant course, or its equivalent, and documentation of computer literacy as defined by KCTCS is required prior to enrolling in the first nursing course.

Transportation to the community agencies is the responsibility of each student.

Note: The Kentucky Board of Nursing may deny a nursing graduate admission to the NCLEX-RN Exam if an individual has been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony which involves acts that bear directly on the qualifications of the graduate to practice nursing.

Admission Requirements to NKU
Students completing an associate degree with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher will be accepted into NKU.

Admission Requirements for the R.N. to B.S.N. program:
- Be fully admitted to NKU as a degree-seeking student.
- Submit a separate application to the R.N. to B.S.N. program.
- Submit to the Office of Admissions:
    o Official transcripts from an associate degree in nursing.
    o Official transcripts from all postsecondary work completed.
- Possess a cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
- Complete the following prerequisite courses with a minimum grade of C in each course. Courses in parentheses are KCTCS courses.
    o ENG 101 (ENG 101) and ENG 102 (ENG 102)
    o BIO 208/208L (BIO 137) and BIO 209/209L (BIO 139)
    o BIO 202/202L (BIO 225)
    o PSY 100 (PSY 110)
    o PSY 321 (PSY 223 or AHS 100) or EDU 300 (EDP 202)
    o PHI 220 (PHI 110) or PHI 200 (PHI 130)
- Hold current, unrestricted R.N. licensure within the first semester of admission to R.N. to B.S.N. program. Proof of R.N. licensure in state of practice is mandatory prior to enrollment in any nursing course.

This major can be completed online. Courses are offered in seven-week formats. Tuition for online accelerated programs differs from face-to-face tuition. Scholarship pricing is available to KCTCS students who choose to enroll in the fully online program. Visit our website for more information about the [Nursing Accelerated Online program](#).

Degree Requirements for NKU
To earn a bachelor's degree at NKU, students must complete a minimum of 120 credit hours with at least 45 credit hours numbered 300 and above. In addition, at least 25% of the credit hours required for the degree and the last 30 credit hours must be completed at NKU. Students must have an overall GPA of 2.0, earn a C or higher in all major courses, and meet all prerequisites for courses and requirements for the major. A minor is not required for this major.

General Transfer Information
Students must complete the online application to NKU. There is no application fee for students who are transferring from a KCTCS institution.

KCTCS AAS IN NURSING
TO NKU BS IN NURSING (RN to BSN) CHECKLIST

Kentucky Community and Technical College System

Category 1: KCTCS General Education Requirements

KCTCS Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
BIO 137	Human Anatomy and Physiology I (NS)	4	BIO 208/208L	
BIO 139	Human Anatomy and Physiology II (NS)	4	BIO 209/209L	
BIO 225	Medical Microbiology (NS)	4	BIO 202/202L	
PSY 110	General Psychology (SB)	3	PSY 100	
ENG 101	Writing I (WC)	3	ENG 101	
TBS XXX	Quantitative Reasoning Course at AA/AS Level (QR) Recommended: MAT 150 College Algebra or MAT 151 Intro to Applied Statistics or STA 151 Intro to Applied Statistics or	3	TBD XXX	
PHI 110	Medical Ethics (AH)	3	PHI 220	
	Subtotal General Education Courses	**24**		

TBS XXX means to be selected by KCTCS student.
TBD XXX means to be determined by NKU based on course selected.

It is recommended that students take MAT 151, MAT 161, or STA 151 to help prepare them for a statistics courses at KCTCS or NKU. Then, if able, take STA 220 or STA 251 while at your KCTCS institution. (MAT 151 or MAT 161 or STA 151) + STA 251 = STA 205 plus elective credit in MAT or STA at NKU. STA 220 also equates to STA 205 at NKU.

Category 2: KCTCS AAS Technical Course Requirements (Offered at ASC, BLC, BSC, ELC, GTW, HEC, HPC, HZC, MYC, OWC, SEC, SMC, WKC)

KCTCS Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
NAA 100	Nursing Assistant Skills I	0-3	NUR 100T	
CPR 100	CPR for Healthcare Professionals	0-1	HEA 100T	
NSG 101 or	Nursing Practice I or	9	NUR 100T	
NSG 109	Transition: Medic to ADN I	(6)	NUR 100T	
NSG 219 or	Medical/Surgical Nursing I or	7	NUR 200T	
NSG 194 or	Paramedic Transition to Nursing Practice	(7)	NUR 100T	
NSG 195 or	Transition to ADN or	(4)	NUR 100T	
NSG 199 or	Accelerated Transition: PN-AND Bridge or	(2)	NUR 200T	
NSG 209 or	Transition: Medic to ADN II or	(5)	NUR 200T	
NSG 217	Transition: Military LPN to RN	(4)	NUR 200T	
NSG 211	Maternal Newborn Nursing	3	NUR 300T	
NSG 212	Behavioral Health Nursing	3	NUR 300T	
NSG 213	Pediatric Nursing	3	NUR 400T	
NSG 229	Medical/Surgical Nursing II	7	NUR 200T	
NSG 239	Medical/Surgical Nursing III	6	NUR 300T	

KCTCS Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
	Subtotal AAS Requirement Courses	**38-42**		
	Total Associate Degree Hours	**62-66**		

NSG 197 and NSG 199 are taken by Licensed Practical Nurses who meet specific program requirements.

NSG 101 and NSG 219 credit may be awarded to Licensed Practical Nurses who meet specific program requirements. NSG 217 credit may be awarded to military Licensed Practical Nurses who meet specific program requirements.

NSG 109 and NSG 209 credit may be awarded to Level 10 Medics who meet specific program requirements.

NOTE: Completion of the nursing program will meet the KCTCS graduation requirement of digital literacy.

Category 3: KCTCS AAS Technical Course Requirements (Offered at JFC)

KCTCS Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
HST 104 or NAA 100 and CPR 100	Health Care Basic Skills I with Clinical or Nursing Assistant Skills I AND CPR for Healthcare Professional	0-3.5 (0-3) (0-1)	NUR 100T or NUR 100T HEA 100T	
NSG 106	Nursing Practice One	9	NUR 100T	
NSG 206 or NSG 196	Nursing Two or Nursing LPN Bridge Course	9 (5)	NUR 200T or NUR 100T	
NSG 236	(Family Nursing) Nursing Three	9	NUR 200T	
NSG 246	Nursing Four	9	NUR 200T	
HST 121	Pharmacology	2	RSP 205	
	Subtotal AAS Requirement Courses	**38-42**		
	Total Associate Degree Hours	**62-66**		

NSG 196 is taken by Licensed Practical Nurses who meet specific program requirements. An additional three-hour elective will be required to complete the AAS.

NSG 106 and NSG 206 credit may be awarded to Licensed Practical Nurses who meet specific program requirements.

NOTE: Completion of the nursing program will meet the KCTCS graduation requirement of digital literacy.

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Category 4: NKU Additional General Education Courses

NKU Course	Course or Category	Credits	KCTCS Course	Taken at KCTCS
ENG 102	Written II	3	ENG 102	
CMST 101	Oral Communication	3	COM 181	

NKU Course	Course or Category	Credits	KCTCS Course	Taken at KCTCS
TBS XXX	Cultural Pluralism	3		
TBS XXX	Individual & Society	3		
TBS XXX	Culture and Creativity	3		
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	Subtotal General Education Credit Hours	**18**		

Category 5: NKU Major Requirements for BS in Nursing

NKU Course	Course	Credits	KCTCS Course	Taken at KCTCS
BIO 208 and BIO 208L	Human Anatomy and Physiology I and Human Anatomy and Physiology I Lab	4	BIO 137	x
BIO 209 and BIO 209L	Human Anatomy and Physiology II and Human Anatomy and Physiology II Lab	4	BIO 139	x
BIO 202 and BIO 202L	Microbiology for Health Professionals and Microbiology for Health Professionals Lab	4	BIO 225	x
PSY 100	Intro to Psychology	3	PSY 110	x
STA 205	Statistical Methods	3	STA 220 or (MAT 151 or MAT 161 or STA 151) + STA 251 = STA 205 + STA 100T	
PSY 321 or EDU 300	Lifespan Development or Human Growth and Development	3	PSY 223/ AHS 100 or EDP 202	
PHI 200 or PHI 220	Ethics or Health Care Ethics	3	PHI 110	x
NRP 470	Role Transformation	3		
NRP 471	Concepts of Professional Nursing	3		
NRP 472	Nursing Research and Evidence Based Practice	3		
NRP 473	Quality Care for Vulnerable Populations	3		
NRP 474	Models of Care Delivery	3		
HIN 355	Foundations of Health Informatics	3		
NRP 475	Population Centered Health in the Community	3		
NRP 476	Impact of Genetics and Genomics on Health	2		
NRP 477	Leadership in Nursing	3		
NRP 478	Nursing Leadership Practicum	4		
	Active RN License via NCLEX (no cost for credit hours if needed to meet graduation requirements)	24		x
	Subtotal Major Credit Hours at NKU	**36**		
	Subtotal Major Credit Hours KCTCS/NCLEX	**42**		
	Total Major Credit Hours	**76**		

Category 6: Additional Requirements at NKU

NKU Course	Course	Credits	KCTCS Course	Taken at KCTCS
	Subtotal Elective (300/400 level) Hours	**0-4**		
	Total Baccalaureate Degree Credit Hours	**120**		

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National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN)

A requirement for admission to the R.N. to B.S.N. program is an active registered nursing license. In order to obtain a nursing license, nurses must take and pass the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN). Validation for passing the exam will be to verify a current license with the state board of nursing in which the student is licensed.

Students with an active registered nursing license will receive credit for NKU courses according to the chart below after they are enrolled in the R.N. to B.S.N. program.

EXAMINATION	PREREQUISITE	MINIMUM SCORE	EQUIVALENT NKU COURSES	SEMESTER CREDITS
Active registered nursing license via NCLEX.	ADN or Diploma	Pass	NRS 330 Principles of Psych & Mental Health Nursing (3) NRS 330P Psych & Mental Health Nursing Practicum (2) NRS 360 Principles of OB & Newborn Nursing (3) NRS 360P OB & Newborn Nursing Practicum (2) NRS 415 Principles of Pediatric Nursing (3) NRS 415P Pediatric Nursing Practicum (2) NRS 450 Advanced Medical-Surgical Nursing (3) NRS 450P Advanced Medical-Surgical Practicum (2) SCI 100G (3)	23

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